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1. WE HAVE VERY CAREFULLY CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY US AND SOVIET APOLLO-SOYUZ CREWS TO UN HEADQUARTERS HERE. THEIR VISIT WOULD BE WELCOME INDEED.

2. THE BEST FORMAT FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT, IN VIEW OF THE AUGUST 25 - EARLY SEPTEMBER DATES SPECIFIED REFTTEL, WOULD BE FOR THE TWO TEAMS TO CALL ON SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. WALDHEIM HAS IN THE PAST RECEIVED OUR ASTRONAUTS WITH GREAT CORDIALITY AND WITH THE PARTICULAR INTEREST THAT FLOWS FROM HIS HAVING SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UN COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE. WE ARE CERTAIN HE WOULD WELCOME WARMLY THE GIFT OF AN EXCHANGED FLAG WHICH COULD BE PERMANENTLY DISPLAYED IN THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

3. WITH REGARD TO A GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPEARANCE, WE WOULD NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE FEW MEETINGS OF ANY FORMAL UN BODIES DURING WEEK BEGINNING 25 AUGUST, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF REGIONAL AND OTHER GROUP CAUCUSES WILL BE TAKING

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PLACE IN PREPARATION FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE

GA WHICH COMMENCES ON LABOR DAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, FOR TWO WEEKS.
AN APPEARANCE BY THE CREWS DURING THE SEVENTH SPECIAL
SESSION WOULD NOT BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ITS WORK, WHICH
WILL CONCERN ECONOMIC AND RELATED ISSUES EXCLUSIVELY.
IT MAY ALSO BE THAT AN APPEARANCE IN THE SINGULAR CONTEXT
OF THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL
BECAUSE IT WOULD SERVE TO EMPHASIZE THE ENORMITY OF THE GAP
BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED MEMBERS AND THE LESS DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES AND COULD WELL BE PUT TO ILL-USE BY RADICAL
LDC'S AS A DEMONSTRATION OF US-USSR "HEGEMONY", A
THEME INCREASINGLY BEING STRESSED IN UN CORRIDORS WITH AVID
ENCOURAGEMENT OF CHINESE.

4. WE THUS WARMLY RECOMMEND A VISIT OF THE CREWS WITH
WALDHEIM AND OF COURSE STAND READY TO REQUEST AN
APPOINTMENT SOONEST.
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